

## TWO NEW SERVICE BOARDS PLANNED

May Be Substituted for Present Commissions With Entirely Changed Personnel.

### TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY

ALBANY, Jan. 1.—Two new State public service commissions with State-wide powers may be substituted for the present two commissions, which will necessitate the naming of new public service commissioners all around.

This change in existing conditions has been suggested to the Thompson legislative investigating committee, according to Martin K. Lewis, counsel for the committee, who was in Albany today. Mr. Lewis himself favors the plan.

One of the commissions will have jurisdiction of the railroads and transportation companies of the State, while the other will devote its efforts to fixing rates for lighting, telephone and telegraph companies. Private water companies are to be brought under the jurisdiction of one of the commissions.

Mr. Lewis did not bring the charges against Commissioner Robert C. Wood to Albany, but they are expected on Monday or Tuesday, when the Thompson committee comes to Albany for the opening of the Legislature at noon on Wednesday.

#### Life of the Committee.

The Thompson committee is not to investigate the up-State Public Service Commission, as the life of the committee ends on February 1, and the tentative plan of the Thompson committee legislates both of the commissions out of office, rendering further investigations unnecessary.

After a conference today with Attorney-General Woodbury Senator Lewis said that the division of duties between the proposed new public service commissions would facilitate the prompt consideration of complaints in rate cases. He declared that the delay of the present commission in deciding these cases was one of the worst evils of the present system of administering the public service commission law.

"The public service commission law has been made a mockery," said Mr. Lewis. "It took the up-State commission seven years to decide the Westchester gas rate problem. The Kings county lighting case was put off for five years. The New York city commissioners say that their time is being wasted by subway transportation problems."

"A commission entrusted solely with the supervision of lighting and telephone companies could not offer the excuse that they were too busy to decide complaints against the rates of such corporations. I think the law should be amended to compel a prompt consideration of all rate case complaints. For seven years the people of Westchester paid an unreasonable rate before the case was decided in their favor."

#### Introduction of Amendments.

"The Thompson committee public service law amendments may not be introduced until February. They will bring water companies supplying municipalities under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission law."

"There is a Maine corporation called the Payson Company which has been securing control of water supplies of a number of cities and villages of this State, and their charges are more arbitrary than fair. Some communities pay a water rate of \$1, and there are others where the rate is as low as 10 cents. There are charges of \$80 per hydrant where \$20 is enough."

"My idea, and I think it is shared by the other members of the investigating committee, is that these water companies should be subject to the supervision of the Public Service Commission just as lighting, telephone and telegraph and other public utility corporations are."

"It is probable that the life of the Thompson committee will be extended by the Legislature, if it is unable to complete the investigation of the New York city commission by that time. This can be done by a request to the Legislature."

#### FOR WET CARS ON DRY SOIL.

Liquor Dealers Head Thinkers Drinkers Can Sell Liquors.

Henry J. Kallenbach, president of the New York State Wholesale Liquor Dealers Association, takes exception to certain statements regarding the sale of liquor on dining cars which were recently made by the Anti-Saloon League. Mr. Kallenbach has written to railroad heads, pointing out that a dining car or buffet car is not a hotel; that its license specifically states that it and says that there is no law forbidding the sale of liquor on dining cars which are passing through dry territory.

Mr. Kallenbach says that the Anti-Saloon League erred when it claimed to represent a large majority of churches in the State. Mr. Kallenbach says that 73.8 per cent. of the population of the State is Roman Catholic and only 13 per cent. Protestant. Mr. Kallenbach says that the league represents neither Catholic nor Jewish churches.

#### BREAD LINE PHILOSOPHY.

Tom Merry Explains Why It's a Necessity.

"I saw a piece in the paper," said Tom Merry to Dick Bright yesterday at the SUN free bread depot in Prince street, "about the latest philosophy of the article says they ought to utilize the bread lines first. I say: 'There is a labor famine, why have bread lines?'"

The writer of the article probably never saw our bread line.

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#### GIRL STOLE TO AID SISTER.

Takes \$40 From Father, but is Soon Captured.

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## COLUMBIA TO TEACH U. S. CITIZENSHIP

Evening Course Arranged by President Butler Will Start in February.

### NOTED MEN TO LECTURE

At the instance of President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University Prof. James C. Egbert, director of the extension teaching department, has arranged for an evening course to teach American citizenship at the Hebrew Technical Institute, 24 Stuyvesant place, beginning in February. The course is intended to meet the needs of busy and serious minded men and women who look forward to becoming citizens and to those who have already been naturalized and wish to gain further insight into the privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship.

For the course, which is one of the most radical and far reaching steps in extension teaching undertaken by the university, will begin at the institute on February 6, 7 and 8, from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock, when a representative of Columbia will be present. No examinations will be required for admission. No academic credit will be awarded to those completing the course, but some form of certificate will be presented. It is hoped that a knowledge of political institutions, economic conditions and opportunities and history of the United States will be extended by the course.

Special lectures will be delivered by members of the university faculty and by men actively engaged in political and public life. The lectures will be open without charge to all students registered, and it is also expected that clubs and special classes for discussion of subjects connected with citizenship will be organized. English, English grammar, composition, politics, economics and history will be the subjects taught. The course in English is intended especially for those without previous knowledge of the English language.

The English grammar and composition course will be given to those of mature acquaintance with English. The course in American citizenship and government will deal generally, but briefly, with the American system of city, State and national government, rights and duties of citizenship and naturalization, political economic problems will be considered, including land ownership, taxation, transportation, money and banking, labor organizations and legislation and the settlement of industrial disputes.

The American history course will describe and explain those events in American history which will help the student to understand present day conditions and problems, especial attention to be paid to the characters and ideals of representative American statesmen.

TO TRAIN TEACHERS  
OF STORE EMPLOYEES

New York University's New Course Will Include Two Main Divisions.

A course to instruct teachers to train department store employees in the innovation in educational work which will be started in February by the school of pedagogy of New York University. It will be the first time that this radical departure in pedagogy has been attempted.

The courses which will be offered are intended to prepare instructors for education in the several department stores which train their employees from the standpoint of efficiency as well as for humanitarian motives. Students who are equipped with the advantage of instruction based upon years of experience and investigation of merchandising and vocational education.

The work has been divided into two main groups of which one will deal with the organization, system, salesmanship and merchandising in a department store, while the second will cover the fundamental principles of pedagogy. Principles of educational psychology and vocational education fall into the second category.

Miss Heulah B. Kennard, educational director of the Department Store Education Association, has outlined the course of study. Store policies, advertising and the manufacture and selling of such articles as china, glassware and paper goods will be taught.

Dr. Lee Galloway, of the School of Commerce, is cooperating with the university.

#### BATHERS TAKE NEW YEAR DIP.

Polar Bears and Snow Birds Try Water at Coney Island.

The cold weather bathers, the Polar Bears and the Snow Birds, who just despite ordinary folk who shiver, took their first bath of this year at Coney Island yesterday and splashed around in the water for about one minute for the edification of bundled up persons on shore.

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#### Boxes of 10 yards each

Chimosa Nainsook, 39 inches, Striped, \$2.35 Checked, \$2.40

Cloister Cloth, 42 inches . 2.30 Yamada Nainsook, 41 inches, 1.95

Sea Island Nainsook, 38 inches, 2.25

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#### Drawers

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#### Combinations or Petticoats

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Nightrobes, \$3.90, 5.00 & 7.50

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Combinations . . . 3.90, 5.00

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Nightrobes . . . 95c., \$1.45, 1.85

Drawers . . . 50c., 85c.

Envelope Chemises . . . \$1.35

Combinations . . . 1.65

Princess Slips . . . 1.50, 1.85

Petticoats . . . 1.25, 1.85

### FOR CHILDREN

Nightrobes . . . 70c., 95c.

Drawers . . . 35c., 40c., 45c., 50c.

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Petticoats . . . 75c.

Waist Petticoats (sizes 6 to 10 yrs.)

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## The Annual Sale of White Cotton Fabrics

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Kit Fox . . . 21.00, 38.00

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Cross Fox . . . \$28.00, 38.00

Pointed Fox . . . 12.50, 21.00

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Of Oxford gray or black cloth . . . at \$48.00, 58.00 & 75.00

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Coats of black velour velvet with fur collar and cuffs; belted model; skirt fur-trimmed . . . \$55.00

Coats of black velour velvet with fur collar; semi-fitted; skirt with flare at each side . . . \$45.00

Coats of black or green vicuna cloth with high choker collar and deep cuffs of fur; belt to button at side, at . . . \$48.00

Coats of black velour velvet with collar and cuffs edged with fur; belt all around . . . \$38.00

Coats of black or brown broadcloth with choker collar of fur; semi-fitted and belted in front, \$42.50

Coats of black broadcloth with choker collar of fur . . . \$24.50

Also

Coats of black cheviot with velvet collar and cuffs; half-lined, \$16.50

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Linen Sheets, hemstitched,

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Linen Pillow Cases, hemstitched,

per pair . . . \$1.25, 1.50 & 2.00

Linen Huckaback Towels,

hemstitched,

per dozen . . . \$3.00, 4.20 & 6.00

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White Blankets

per pair \$4.50, 5.50, 6.50 to 11.50

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